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Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Happy Easter --- Egg

Well there's beaucoup action for this Easter season in the dining-out department and in various sections of the Southland, north, south, east or west. And with varying menus.

The Pen and Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach, for instance will feature two completely different offerings. There's to be a brunch-type menu from 10 in the a.m. 'til two in the afternoon with such exciting dishes as Peaches in Champagne Cocktail and with prices like \$2.75. The kiddies get off for \$1.75.

Then along comes the dinner menus starting at two with nine entrees from which to choose and these start at \$3.25 with the child's plate going for \$1.75.

Included is choice of soup or salad, vegetable, potatoes, cheese rolls and dessert. Also included in both the menus will be a complimentary glass of rose wine. General Manager Pat O'Daly strongly urges you to make reservations for this one, though. Phone 772-2257.

Now in the event you're planning Easter away from home, the Santa Barbara Inn offers a delightful 3 day—2 night stay which will include a deluxe room with complete Easter dinner and Easter breakfast for two and the whole thing will run you just \$49.00.

There'll be dancing, favors, continuous entertainment, the whole ball of wax for a truly gala weekend and a most charming spot for an Easter egg hunt.

Back in town once again there's activity at the International Hotel that Executive Chef Lino Berlonghi has planned in the way of his traditional post-lenten menus.

There's to be roast Imperial Valley Tom Turkey and glazed Virginia Ham, embellished and surrounded with all the goodies that make their presentation to the table the focal point of the holiday mood and all this will be presented in all three fine restaurants in the hotel.

Recognizing Easter Dinner as a family celebration, Chef Lino and food and beverage manager, Weaver Swanson have included specially planned children's menus in each restaurant. Complete kiddies dinners will be only one ninety-five in the Coffee Shop and a moderate \$2.95 in both the elegant Hunt Room and the fabulous 14 story high Penthouse Restaurant. The children may keep their novel souvenir menu plus will receive a surprise Easter package.

It'll be from 2 til 10 in the Penthouse with prices starting at \$4.95 on the complete dinner, and a show of Easter Fashions will be sponsored by the Hotel's Happy Landing Shop at 2:30.

There's to be a special brunch in the Hunt Room from 9:30 a.m. 'til 2:30, be-

ginning at \$2.95. Easter dinner will be served from 3 p.m. 'til 9 and will start at \$3.95.

And as usual, the International Coffee Shop will be open from 6 a.m. 'til 2 a.m. with "Sunrise Breakfast" served from 6 'til 12:30, and dinner from then 'til 9 p.m. For reservations call 670-9000.

There'll be Easter dinner served at Millie's Seafood Grotto from noon on in Redondo Beach and Millie does

suggest you make reservations for this Sunday. Call 375-1483.

Incidentally, April's "Fish of the Month" special at Millie's is abalone steak patties at \$3.75 with the fresh, in season abalone being flown in from Morro Bay.

So don't forget to make your Easter reservations. Cioppino will be among the items featured on that day.

The three Hungry Tiger restaurants will present special Easter dinners, too.

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EASTER

DINING GUIDE

It's to be the traditional baked ham dinner at \$3.25 with even a much lower price for the children's plate.

The Palos Verdes "Tiger" has something additional and that's the Easter brunch from 11 'til 2, followed by the holiday dinners served throughout the day and evening.

There of course is the regular Hungry Tiger menu in all three stores which offer

among many things, fresh Maine lobster and other seafoods flown in fresh daily. But be sure and make reservations.

Moving on to still another spot in our town that is famous for the "flying in bit," let's take a look at Bernie Tohl's Captain's Table on La Cienega at Third in L.A. Didn't receive any special

word as to the Easter Sunday menu but you can rest assured, Bernie's not going to pass up a good thing like that holiday without some kind of showing so keep it in mind.

Also, over on the Sunset Strip there's the Marquis Restaurant which is always a charmer, be it Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving or just plain old Ground Hog Day. The cuisine is always of the finest as is the service.

Giordano has many tricks up his sleeve when it comes to the culinary arts field. Goodies like rack of lamb, ham, just name it and he'll come up with it or a reasonably accurate facsimile thereof.

You know of course there'll be something doing at Sam Failla's San Franciscan on that day. Isn't there always? But the thing Sam's putting on this week is his 4th anniversary whing-ding which takes place like tomorrow,

April 11. (Alright, so we said last week it was the baseball game bus thing but we were in error. That goodie doesn't come off 'til the 17th. See, gives you more time to get your reservations nailed down.)

But seriously, this Anniversary Celebration they've got awaiting your pleasure on Thursday is going to be an event to remember with dinner served from 5 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be in progress.

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